

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A lock device adapted to secure a computer having a protruding member, the lock device comprising:
 - a lock housing having a capturing channel sized and configured to receive the protruding member extending outwardly from the computer; and
 - a lock member attached to the lock housing and having a lock portion sized and configured to extend to the capturing channel for retaining the protruding member therewithin so as to secure the computer.
2. (Original) The lock device of Claim 1 wherein the capturing channel has a receiving channel portion and a capturing channel portion, the receiving channel portion being sized and configured to receive the protruding member therethrough, the capturing channel portion being sized and configured to engage the protruding member when the protruding member slides thereto from the receiving channel portion.
3. (Original) The lock device of Claim 2 wherein the capturing channel defines an interior channel surface, the interior channel surface having a capturing flange formed generally around the capturing channel portion to narrow the capturing channel thereabout so as to frictionally engage the protruding member about the capturing channel portion.
4. (Original) The lock device of Claim 2 wherein the protruding member has a protruding body and a protruding head, the protruding head being generally larger in diameter than the protruding body, the receiving channel portion being sized to correspond to the protruding head so as to allow the protruding head to be received therethrough, the capturing channel portion being sized to correspond to the protruding body so as to allow the protruding body to be engaged therewithin.
5. (Original) The lock device of Claim 1 wherein the lock housing has a locking channel in communication with the capturing channel and extending generally

perpendicular thereto, the lock portion being disposed within the locking channel and having a lock engaging portion configured to extend into the capturing channel for retaining the protruding member within the capturing channel so as to secure the computer.

6. (Original) The lock device of Claim 5 wherein the capturing channel has a receiving channel portion and a capturing channel portion, the lock engaging portion being extendable into the receiving channel portion and be maintainable thereabout when the protruding member is placed about the capturing channel portion.

7. (Original) The lock device of Claim 1 further comprising an elongated securing member and wherein the lock housing has a securing channel extending generally perpendicular to the capturing channel, the securing member having a securing end configured to be contained within the securing channel and be movable therealong.

8. (Original) The lock device of Claim 7 wherein the elongated securing member is a cable sized and configured to secure the computer to a stationary object.

9. (Original) A computer, comprising:
a computer body having a protruding member extending outwardly therefrom; and
a lock device comprising:

a lock housing having a capturing channel sized and configured to receive the protruding member extending outwardly from the computer; and
a lock member attached to the lock housing and having a lock portion sized and configured to extend to the capturing channel for retaining the protruding member therewithin so as to secure the computer.

10. (Original) The computer of Claim 9 wherein the computer body is a body of a laptop computer.

11. (Original) The computer of Claim 9 wherein the protruding member is a pin fabricated from a metallic material.

12. (Withdrawn) The computer of Claim 9 wherein the protruding member is fixedly attached to the computer body.

13. (Original) The computer of Claim 12 wherein the protruding member is movably attached to the computer body, the protruding member being movable away from the computer body for forming an extended position when engaging the capturing channel, the protruding member being movable toward the computer body for forming a retracted position when engagement to the capturing channel is not necessitated.

14. (Withdrawn) The computer of Claim 13 wherein the protruding member has a protruding head, the protruding head being disposed in a substantially flush relationship with the computer body when the retracted position is formed.

15. (Withdrawn) The computer of Claim 13 wherein the protruding member is threadably attached through the computer body, the protruding member being configured to be threaded outward from the computer body to form the extended position, the protruding member being configured to be threaded inward toward the computer body to form the retracted position.

16. (Original) The computer of Claim 13 wherein the protruding member is spring loaded within the computer body, the protruding member being configured to spring outward from the computer body via a spring force when forming the extended position, the protruding member being configured to be maintained within the computer body against the spring force when forming the retracted position.

17. (Original) The computer of Claim 9 wherein the capturing channel has a receiving channel portion and a capturing channel portion, the receiving channel portion being sized and configured to receive the protruding member therethrough, the capturing channel portion being sized and configured to engage the protruding member when the protruding member slides thereto from the receiving channel portion.

18. (Original) The computer of Claim 9 wherein the lock housing has a locking channel in communication with the capturing channel and extending generally perpendicular thereto, the lock portion being disposed within the locking channel and having a lock engaging portion configured to extend into the capturing channel for retaining the protruding member within the capturing channel so as to secure the computer.

19. (Original) The computer of Claim 18 wherein the capturing channel has a receiving channel portion and a capturing channel portion, the lock engaging portion being extendable into the receiving channel portion and be maintainable thereabout when the protruding member is placed about the capturing channel portion.

20. (Original) The computer of Claim 9 further comprising an elongated securing member and wherein the lock housing has a securing channel extending generally perpendicular to the capturing channel, the securing member having a securing end configured to be contained within the securing channel and be movable therealong.